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Main Entry: **1 rough**

Pronunciation: 'r&f

Function: *adjective*

Inflected Form(s): **rough·er; rough·est**

Etymology: Middle English, from Old English *ruh*; akin to Old High German *ruh* rough, Lithuanian *raukas* wrinkle

1 a : marked by inequalities, ridges, or projections on the surface : **COARSE** **b** : covered with or made up of coarse and often shaggy hair <*rough-coated collie*> -- compare **SMOOTH**, **WIREHAIR** **c** (1) : having a broken, uneven, or bumpy surface <*rough terrain*> (2) : difficult to travel through or penetrate : **WILD** <into the *rough* woods -- P. B. Shelley>

2 a : **TURBULENT**, **TEMPESTUOUS** <*rough seas*> **b** (1) : characterized by harshness, violence, or force (2) : presenting a challenge : **DIFFICULT** <*rough* to deal with -- R. M. McAlmon>

3 : coarse or rugged in character or appearance: as **a** : harsh to the ear **b** : crude in style or expression **c** : **INDELICATE** **d** : marked by a lack of refinement or grace : **UNCOUTH** **4 a** : **CRUDE**, **UNFINISHED** <*rough carpentry*> **b** : executed or ventured hastily, tentatively, or imperfectly <a *rough* draft> <*rough estimate*>; also : **APPROXIMATE** <this gives a *rough* idea>

- **rough·ish** /'r&-fish/ *adjective*

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